



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, October 24, 2010

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.4

Soil moisture supplies: 39% very short, 39% short, 21% adequate, and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report

Scattered showers and thunderstorms across the state this week provided minimal relief from the extremely dry conditions throughout Louisiana. Rainfall was more plentiful in northern parishes with some wind and hail damage reported but was below normal in every region of the state. Statewide precipitation for the week averaged 0.4 inches, 0.5 inches below normal. With the favorable weather this week, fall field work progressed well and field preparations began for next year's crops. Ratoon rice harvest was well underway. Excellent harvesting weather allowed for cotton, soybean, sweet potato and sugarcane harvests to remain well ahead of the five-year average. Wheat land was being prepared for planting over the next few weeks.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers planted strawberry plants, irrigated strawberry and vegetable fields, and harvested tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers and squash. Vegetable crops progressed well. Satsuma production was in full swing. Crawfish producers were still pumping to maintain shallow flood levels in fields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Many pastures were still suffering from lack of moisture in spite of rains received during the week. Fall forage planting was delayed in many cases due to extremely dry field conditions. However, in anticipation of forecasted rains, some plowing and some over-seeding by air and ground broadcast took place. Dry conditions limited ryegrass emergence and growth. Livestock were doing well. Cattlemen marketed calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	94	88	28	78
Pecans	Harvested	21	13	21	26
Soybeans	Harvested	96	92	72	91
Sugarcane	Harvested	26	17	17	17
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	84	70	43	65
Winter Wheat	Planted	16	1	12	8
	Emerged	4	0	3	1

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	1	10	26	42	21
Livestock	6	21	43	27	3
Vegetables	22	27	34	16	1
Pasture	26	36	28	9	1

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/18/10 TO 10/24/10

	AIR				WEEKLY TOTAL	PRECIPITATION		
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM		FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	86	50	71	63	0.13	0.46	19.61	41.10
Minden	86	48	69	63	0.00	0.38	26.22	43.88
Mooringsport	86	52	71	MM	0.88	1.13	30.32	37.41
Extreme/Average	86	48	70	63	0.34	0.66	25.38	42.08
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	88	46	68	63	0.17	0.20	26.61	44.44
Homer/Hill Farm	86	(45)	66	62	0.13	0.18	27.21	44.38
ULM-Monroe	88	50	69	63	1.33	1.33	28.69	45.97
Columbia Lock	87	50	69	MM	0.98	0.98	21.00	47.39
Extreme/Average	88	45	68	63	0.65	0.67	25.88	45.35
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	86	49	69	63	0.88	1.01	23.62	46.84
LSU-St Joseph	86	51	70	65	0.77	0.81	29.19	44.90
LSU-Winnsboro	(89)	52	70	64	1.39	1.39	26.52	44.59
Tallulah	89	50	69	63	0.37	0.57	27.22	46.38
Extreme/Average	89	49	69	64	1.01	1.07	26.44	45.66
4. West-Central								
Leesville	89	51	72	64	0.00	0.48	24.63	45.46
LSU-Rosepine	86	52	72	65	0.00	2.57	33.55	46.82
Ashland	MM	MM	MM	63	0.00	0.41	21.73	43.75
Extreme/Average	89	51	72	64	0.00	2.57	MM.MM	44.54
5. Central								
Alexandria	87	55	72	66	0.58	1.33	35.53	48.10
Bunkie	86	55	72	66	0.80	1.41	43.13	48.93
LSU-Alexandria	86	54	71	65	0.20	1.29	33.48	46.57
Extreme/Average	87	54	71	66	0.53	1.34	37.38	48.46
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	86	51	68	MM	0.07	0.64	42.30	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	84	53	69	66	0.14	1.79	38.62	50.60
Amite	88	48	68	65	0.62	1.04	40.50	54.60
LSU-Hammond	86	50	68	66	0.23	1.37	39.77	52.98
Slidell	83	55	69	67	0.18	0.25	54.52	52.05
Extreme/Average	88	48	68	66	0.25	1.02	43.14	52.94
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	86	55	73	66	0.00	0.78	33.04	48.47
Jennings	87	55	73	67	0.03	1.64	40.89	49.18
LSU-Crowley	85	57	72	67	0.45	1.68	36.22	49.07
Extreme/Average	87	55	73	67	0.16	1.37	36.72	49.98
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	52	69	67	0.03	1.97	45.65	51.44
LSU-Jeanerette	85	55	71	67	0.07	1.51	47.67	52.15
Morgan City	82	60	72	68	0.08	0.94	35.02	54.62
Extreme/Average	85	52	71	68	0.06	1.74	46.66	52.58
9. Southeast								
Galliano	85	54	70	68	0.00	0.00	53.07	55.94
Houma	87	49	70	68	0.00	0.38	46.96	54.02
Terrytown 3S	85	58	72	MM	0.16	0.43	47.22	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	87	49	71	69	0.05	0.27	49.08	53.92
State								
Extremes/Averages	89	45	71	66	0.35	1.14	36.55	49.04

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through October 24, 2010

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